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409. *Local Development Works.*—An expenditure of Rs. 1,63,559-00 was incurred during the period for local development works by the several Taluk Boards.

410. A sum of Rs. 1,83,212—02 was also spent on rural communication by the Taluk Boards in Bangalore Division, during the period.

(viii) village Panchayats and Rural Development.

Constitution.

411. The Mysore Village Panchayats and Local Boards Act, 1959 was brought into force from 1st November 1959. Village Panchayats with a population below 1,500 stood dissolved and the administration of the dissolved panchayats vested in Government. Pending the formtion of villages of the establishment of panchayats under the new Act. The other panchayats continued to function, under the the provisions of the Mysore Village Panchayats and Local Boards Act, 1959.

Strength of Panchayats.

412. The total number of village panchayats in the State during the year was 15,530 (14,998) as follows :—

Division	1958—59	1959—60
Bangalore	6,742	6,481
Mysore	6,151	6,151
Belgaum	1,607	1,771
Gulbarga	498	1,127

413. The village panchayats had a total membership of 1,45,841 and 46,901 meetings were held by them.

Finance of Panchayats.

414. The total income, including the opening balance and expenditure of the village panchayats in the State during the year were as follows :—

Divisions	Total Income		Expenditure	
	1958—59	1959—60	1958—59	1959—60
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Bangalore ...	74,57,192	67,23,015	25,73,581	24,63,164
Mysore ...	73,31,681	73,54,417	25,69,191	28,50,739
Belgaum	87,12,858	1,01,65,751	50,02,760	62,21,617
Gulbarga ...	...	10,81,990-58	5,08,350-58	...

Demand, Collection and Balance

415. The total amount outstanding recovery at the beginning of the year amounted to Rs. 18,75,283. The demand for the year was Rs. 24,06,783. Out of the total demand of Rs. 42,82,066, a sum of Rs. 21,87,238 was collected

including remissions leaving a balance of Rs. 20,94,832. The largest balance of arrears was in Bangalore, Kolar and Tumkur Districts in Bangalore Division.

416. Out of a total demand for Rs. 40,71,332 in Mysore Division, a sum of Rs. 23,11,692 was collected leaving a balance of Rs. 17,59,640 at the end of the year.

417. Out of a total demand for Rs. 47,11,866 in Belgaum Division, a sum of Rs. 19,68,454 was collected, leaving a balance of Rs. 27,40,482 at the end of the year.

Grant-in-aid

418. The Grant-in-aid paid by the Government to various Village Panchayats in Mysore, Belgaum and Gulbarga Divisions, amounted to Rs. 51,48,790, during the year.

Public Health and Sanitation.

419. Four hundred and eighty-five panchayats maintained sweeping establishments, 22 contributed for the maintenance of Local Fund Dispensaries and 12 panchayats arranged for weekly visits of the Sub-Assistant Surgeons, in Bangalore Division. The village panchayats in this Division contributed a sum of Rs. 1,373 towards the funds of the State Branch of the Indian Red Cross Society.

420. In Mysore Division, three panchayats arranged for weekly visits of Sub-Assistant Surgeons. The number of panchayats which contributed to the Indian Red Cross Society was 1,359. A total amount of Rs. 4,45,479 was incurred on conservancy and sanitation, medical relief and lighting.

Public Works.

421. A sum of Rs. 20,37,122 was spent under this head during the year, in Bangalore and Mysore Divisions The works were executed by the Public Works Department and the Revenue Agency during the year.

Cattle Pounds.

422. The receipt from and the expenditure on Cattle Pounds in several village panchayats in Bangalore and Mysore Divisions, amounted to Rs. 48,501 and Rs. 20,782 respectively. A total of 325 panchayats in these Divisions maintained breeding bulls during the year.

General.

423. The various measures for the improvement of villages in respect of sanitation, medical aid, education and agriculture continued to receive the attention of the Revenue Department with the co-operation of other departments, Local Bodies and the Public. With the

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promulgation of the Mysore Village Panchayats and Local Boards Act, 1959, the panchayats have been invested with more powers for local administration.

(ix) Bangalore City Improvement Trust Board.

424. Owing to the rapid increase of population in the City and the concomitant increase in the demand for residential and industrial accommodation, the Board embarked upon a programme of formation of many new layouts.

425. The Board continued its activities on the principle "Self Support" and "no profit and no loss" system in matters of finance.

426. The activities of the Board were broadly confined to the following during the year:—

1. Formation of new residential extensions to serve mostly as extensions to relieve congestion within the City limits.

2. Formation of new layouts to provide sites for the requirement of middle class and poor classes in places beyond the Corporation limits and within "Greater Bangalore".

3. Formation of sites required by the House Building Institution like the Mysore Housing Board, etc.

4. Formation of Industrial Suburb for planned location of big and small industry in Rajajinagar and shifting of the existing industries from the City of Bangalore to the industrial suburb.

5. Formation of industrial housing area for workers in close proximity to factories etc., and provision of modern civic amenities.

6. Construction of cheap houses for Hut Dwellers.

7. Improvement and clearence of slum area by removing congestion and shifting of insanitary huts to well laid out extensions and formation of layouts.

Sites

427. During the year 4,197 sites were formed as against 1,100 in the previous year.

Private Layouts

428. Private layouts were permitted covering an area of 38,183 sq. yds. to form 199 sites.